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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Office of Planning, Programming,
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John:

25X1 This is in reply to your note asking whether we are ready to incorporate the "Grandfather" concept into regulations and your suggestion that, if so, perhaps an amendment to HR [] might be the way to "kick the coordination ball off to get people to focus on the issues."

I have two reactions:

25X1 First, I think it might be wise to allow a little time for all of us to digest HR [] a bit (it's being distributed today) before we push ahead on the "Grandfather" concept. New facets of the problem could easily emerge which will influence some of our views.

Second, there are some pretty complex questions involved in certain aspects of the "Grandfather" concept, and we haven't worked out our basic approach to all of them yet. I doubt that an amendment to HR [] is the best vehicle for this purpose. I'd much prefer to see these questions considered informally, say at meetings of the Finance Policy and Budget Committee, and a consensus developed at the policy level before we try to drop them into coordination channels.

I'd be glad to discuss this further with you if you would like.

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